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SUBJECT: KHMER RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

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1. HOU HONG, MINISTER IN CHARGE OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, CALLED ON ISRAELI CHARGE MIDDAY SEPTEMBER 3 AND INFORMED HIM THAT GKR WISHES TO MOVE ITS EMBASSY IN ISRAEL FROM JERUSALEM TO TEL AVIV. HE EXPLAINED FRANKLY THAT REASON WAS NEED TO OBTAIN SUPPORT OF ARAB STATES FOR UPCOMING UNGA STRUGGLE WITH GRUNK OVER CAMBODIAN SEAT. HOU HONG STATED THAT GKR WOULD NOT BREAK RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, WHICH IT CONSIDERS AN OLD AND VALUED FRIEND, IF THIS WERE TO BECOME CONDITION OF ARAB SUPPORT.

2. ISRAELI CHARGE ASKED IF JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT HAD REQUESTED THAT GKR EMBASSY IN ISRAEL BE MOVED. HOU HONG SAID GKR DID NOT WISH TO HIDE ANHTING FROM GOI AND HE THERFORE COULD CONFIRM THAT STEP WAS BEING TAKEN IN ORDER TO OBTAIN JORDANIAN SUPPORT. HOU HONG ADDED THAT
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GKR BELIEVES THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF

THIS DECISION IN AMMAN. ISRAELI CHARGE THEN STATED THAT
QUOTE EVEN PRESIDENT FORD HAD WONDERED WHY AMERICAN
EMBASSY HAD NOT YET BEEN MOVED FROM TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM
UQNUOTE. HOU HONG RESPONDED THAT IF ALL COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED IN ISRAEL WERE ONE DAY TO LOCATE THEIR
EMBASSIES IN JERUSALEM GKR WOULD OF COURSE FOLLOW SUIT.

3. ABOVE ACCOUNT RECEIVED FROM HOU HONG SHORTLY AFTER
HE HAD MET WITH ISRAELI CHARGE. HOU HONG SAID MARSHAL
LO NOL WISHED OUR ADVICE AS TO WHETHER LONG BORET SHOULD
BE KEPT ADVISED OF LATEST DEVELOPMENT AND I RESPONDED
THAT BY ALL MEANS HE SHOULD. WE THEREFORE EXPECT TO BE
TRANSMITTING MESSAGE TO LONG BORET IN AMMAN SHORTLY.
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